GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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PRICE DIFFERENCE IN NCCF AND KENDRIYA BHANDAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether same/similar item supplied to end users carry a different price tag in the NCCF and the Kendriya Bhandar;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(d) whether these agencies have not prescribed any norms with regard to the purchases and the action to be taken against their employees; and

(e) if so, the action Union Government propose to take in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) to (c): The NCCF and the Kendriya Bhandar are two autonomous cooperativeorganizations having their own Board of Directors to decide about their policies in regard to sale and purchase. The end price of the commodities has to differ on account of different terms of supply, though both the organizations try to offer the best terms of supply at competitive rates, below the MRP. No study has been undertaken to find out the end prices of the two organizations in respect of the commodities handled by them.

(d) : The NCCF has informed that they have modified their sourcing policy inrespect of the branded manufactured goods w.e.f. 1.7.2001. Under the modified system, these items are sourced from the manufacturers or their nominated distributors. In respect of the low value and unbranded items, these are procured by the NCCF from their approveddealers. In such cases also, the competitiveness of the prices is maintained. In respect of Kendriya Bhandar, they have their own prescribed procedure for undertaking the same. Both Kendriya Bhandar and NCCF have their own Vigilance Wing to look in tovarious complaints related to the irregularities, corruption and charging of higher prices etc. concerning their employees.

(e) : In view of the above, does not arise.